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COUNTRY	Hungary	SECURITY INFORMATION	
TOPIC	Airfields in the Szolnok Area		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. After the war, the airfield about 5 km south-southeast of Szolnok (Q 48/O 37) was enlarged to the north and south; buildings at the field were repaired, and new buildings were erected. In October 1951, work was in progress on a north-south runway which, prior to that date, had a length of 600 meters. Another concrete lane which had already existed in 1945 extended from the hangars to the south for a length about 200 meters and a width of 15 to 20 meters. A further extension strip of about 400 meters was 25 or 30 meters wide. In October 1951, work was being done on a firing range in the northern section of the field, north of the concrete runway. There was no spur track at the field. An auxiliary road branched off from the Szolnok-Rakoczifalva (Q 48/O 36) road to the north-western corner of the field. The airfield measured about 2 km from north to south, 1.5 km from east to west in its northern section and about 1 km in its southern section. A fence surrounded only the northwestern section of the field and sentries patrolled along the side road which leads to the main road to Szolnok. In the northwestern section of the field, there was a radio installation consisting of three antenna masts each 8 to 10 meters high and braced several times and a small building in the middle of the triangle of the masts. <sup>1</sup>

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2. Only Hungarian Air Force soldiers wearing blue epaulets were observed at the field. Some of them wore a bladed propeller insignia. Six to eight single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, glazed-in cabin in line with the leading and trailing edges of the wings, nose wheels, and elevator assembly in line with the upper fuselage edge were frequently observed in front of the hangars. There was intensive air activity with these planes. No hardstands were observed. Usually, individual take-offs and flights lasting from 5 to 15 minutes were made. <sup>2</sup>

3. In the summer of 1951, some small planes were observed in a meadow north of Tiszapuespoeki (Q 48/O 48), 8 to 10 km northeast of Szolnok, south of the point where a canal branches off from the Tisza River. About 40 Soviet soldiers moved around the planes.

this meadow was used as an airfield by the Russians. The field

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
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was bordered to the northwest by a safety embankment of the Tisza River, about 6 meters high. Its soil was partially marshy in the northern section even during the summer.

1.  Comment. The information that a runway was under construction at Szolnok airfield in 1951 was previously received. According to the reference report, the runway had a length of 2,100 meters. 25X1
2.  Comment. It was previously believed that the field was occupied by an air force officer school (Kilian Gyoerby) and a fighter unit equipped with MiG-15s. According to the present report, aircraft of a type similar to the Yak-9 were stationed at the field at the same time i.e. October 1951. It is possible that the aircraft allegedly of MiG-15 type, which were mentioned in reference report, were stationed in Szolnok only temporarily. 25X1
3.  Comment. This airfield is reported for the first time. Probably, a small airfield for courier planes of the Soviet Army was established there. This field is of no importance for military purposes. For location sketch of airfield, see Annex 1. For layout sketch of Szolnok airfield, see Annex 2. 25X1

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Annex 1

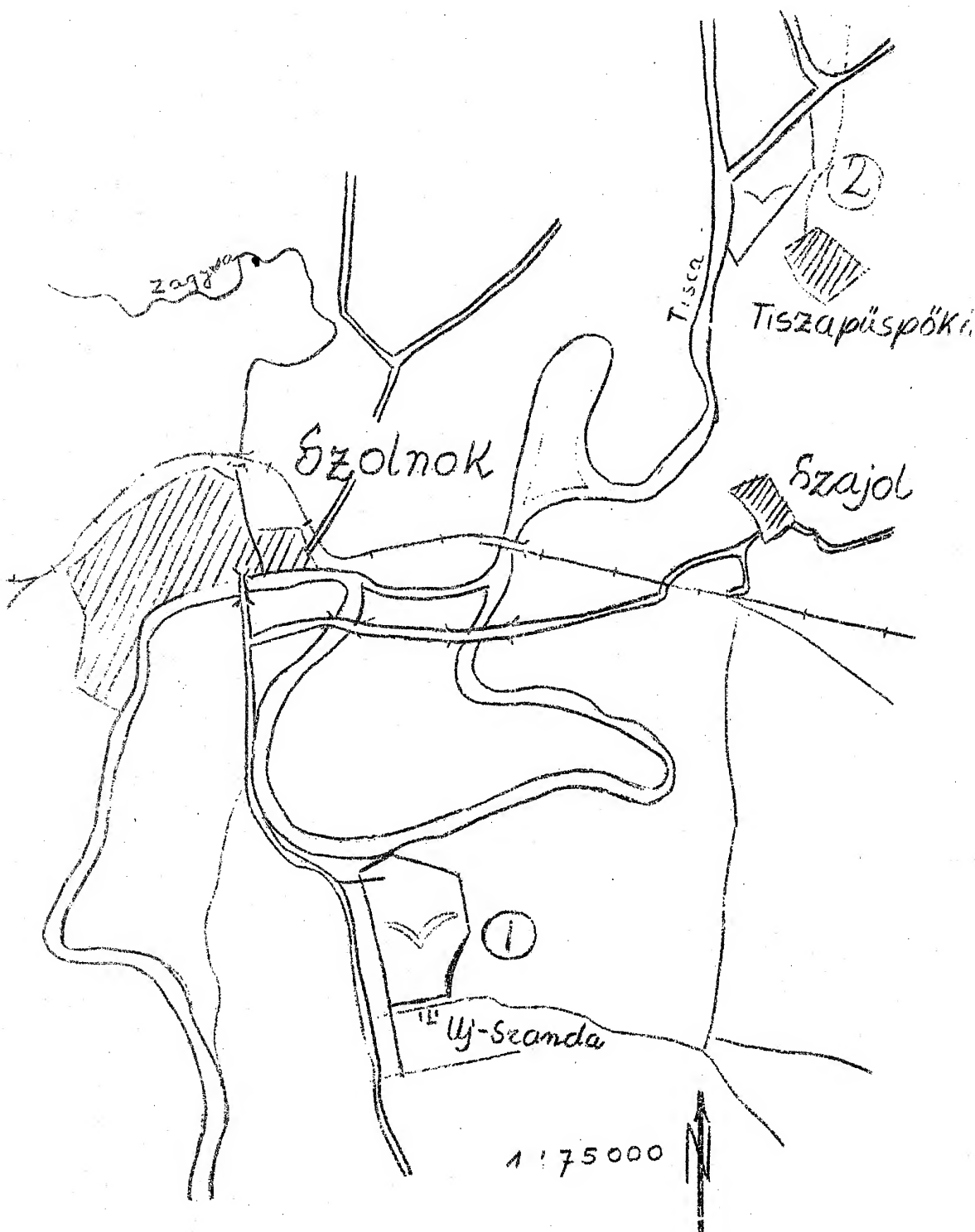
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Airfields Near Szolnok

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Legend:

- 1 Szolnok airfield
- 2 Tiszapüspöki airfield

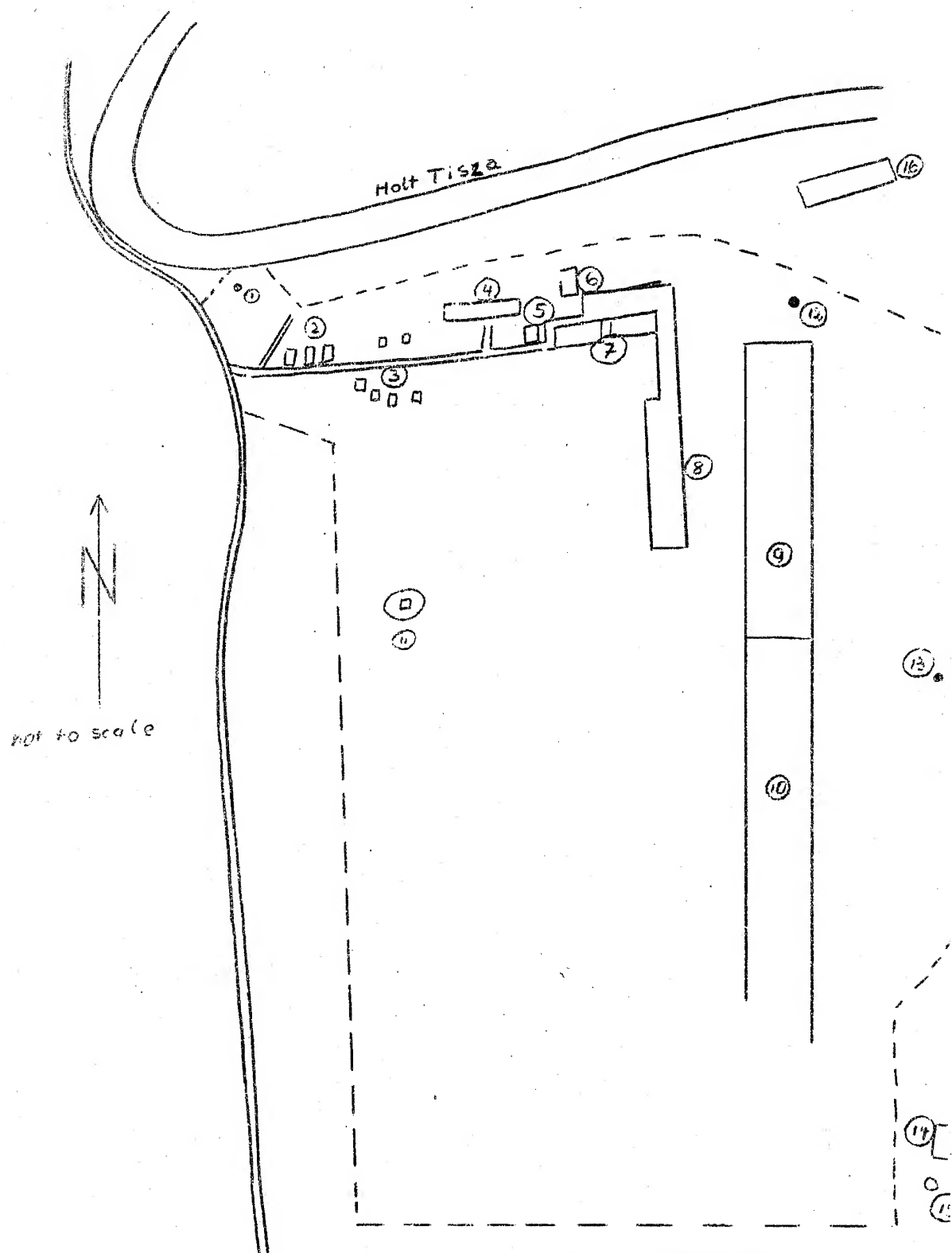


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Szolnok Airfield



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Szolnok Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Radio installation with three masts
- 2 Three-story buildings for officers, each 15 x 45 meters
- 3 Three-story quartering buildings, each 15 x 45 meters
- 4 Garage, low building 12 x 65 meters
- 5 Two-story building, 10 x 25 meters, possibly a headquarters building
- 6 Two-story building, 6 meters square, possibly a switchboard
- 7 Two hangars, each 30 x 75 meters
- 8 Concrete lane, about 600 meters long
- 9 Runway under construction
- 10 Staked off runway strip
- 11 Building covered with earth, possibly ammunition bunker?
- 12, 13 and 14 AA gun emplacements
- 15 Underground fuel dump
- 16 Firing range under construction

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